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Easter bunny Vonda Maclennan hands out chocolate eggs to Mya and her twin brother Bentley, 5. /NATE SMELLE Staff

Sweet celebration

Maple Fest in Wilberforce brings families together on Easter weekend. See page 12

Good food

Monthly program offers fresh produce and a helping of community spirit. See page 2

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Shelley van Nood, right, and Vivian Collings load full bags of apples into bags on March 15. The Good Food Box program is available to anyone who is interested. Each box costs $15. /JENN WATT Staff

Monthly fresh produce program open to everyone

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

It's 8:30 on a Thursday morning in March. The sun is shining and the parking lot of Haliburton's A.J. LaRue Arena is filled with cars. There's no hockey practice or figure skating going on; Haliburton Rotary Club members are filling bags for the Good Food Box program.

In the foyer, a makeshift assembly line is set up running the length of the room. Potatoes at one end, carrots at the other and in between cabbage, apples, onions.

Diane Smith is shaking out the white plastic bags, getting them ready for the pile of produce that's about to be packed and shipped to more than 200 people in the county. A handful of volunteers grab the bags and move deftly down the line, bagging the produce with the skill of a seasoned checkout clerk. On the other side of the table, Shelley van Nood jokes that she can skip her workout and just toss bags of potatoes all day instead.

The bags quickly pile up along the side of the room

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The mood was jovial Thursday morning, March 15, as Rotarians worked in the Haliburton arena to fill bags with produce for the monthly Good Food Box program. In the foreground, Ray Selbie and Lance Edwards have a laugh.

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Good Food Box offers savings on fruit and veggies

Rotarians Andrew Hodgson, left, and Andy Salvatori load full bags of food into the back of a pickup truck to be distributed outside of Haliburton. Each bag represents one Good Food Box. The monthly program helps put nutritious food into the homes of more than 200 residents.

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awaiting pickups in town and to be taken away to all corners of the county, from Cardiff to Dorset.

The Good Food Box started as a program to provide affordable, fresh food in Haliburton County. The idea came up at a social gathering between Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell and YWCA staff member Paula Pepping.

"The first packing and delivery day was in November 2001 in the foyer of the old YWCA in Halco Plaza," Kadwell wrote in an email to the paper, "34 boxes were packed and delivered throughout the county."

In the last 17 years, the Good Food Box has been adopted by several community groups including the Lions Club, health unit, YWCA and now the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

"The point of the Good Food Box is to ensure that every family has available to them some means of getting good, nutritious food that can lead to a healthy lifestyle," says Brian Nash, who co-ordinates the program for Rotary.

Kadwell says she's proud to see the program continue in the community, with a team of volunteers willing to make it happen.

"Haliburton County [Good Food Box] is an excellent example of a true grassroots community project, as the lead co-ordinators change over time, there are many volunteers who continue to provide their time each month to be the community leads and take the orders, pack and deliver boxes," she says.

As a dietitian, she points out that increasing the availability of fresh produce has many potential positive effects.

"Research tells us that eating seven to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables each day is good for our health – helps reduce heart disease, diabetes, strokes, cancer and obesity," she says.

"Over half of our health care dollars in Ontario are spent on treating diet-related diseases – [the Good Food Box] program could potentially save provincial health care dollars."

The Good Food Box (which actually comes in a bag) includes between eight and 12 items each month for a flat fee of $15. Anyone can buy a box and there are no limits on how many orders an individual can make.

To receive a Good Food Box, an individual must put in an order before the second Wednesday of the month. The box is available for pickup on the third Thursday of the month.

Although the food is packed in Haliburton, volunteers drive it to other community locations.

"It's genuinely about food security and being able to offer families in Haliburton County a nutritious food box every month. It's available to everybody," says Nash.

Part of what makes the initiative feasible is the assistance of Haliburton Foodland and its owner Brad Park.

"Our most important partner by far and away is of course Foodland, who provides us with the food for each food box every month," Nash said. "Without Brad Park's help … it would be a different story, that's for sure."

He estimated that the value of the Good Food Box is about twice the amount they sell it at.

To find more information on the program, you can go to the Good Food Box – Haliburton County Facebook page or call Nash at 705-455-9355.

To order your Good Food Box call your local community contact:

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White sand, clear blue water and incredible sunsets

A FEW WEEKS ago I was lucky enough to escape this never-ending winter with a short four-night stay in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. We started our trip off with a short four-hour direct flight with Air Transat. During the winter months Air Transat flies daily to Punta Cana and during the off season months of April to October they operate four to five times a week. Other destinations in Dominican Republic they fly to are Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, La Romana and Samana. Each area offers a different style of vacation. Whether you want to go zip lining and rappelling down waterfalls in Puerto Plata or whale watching in Samana, Dominican Republic has it all.

MACHENZIE VASEY
Transat Travel

We spent our vacation at the beautiful five-star adult only Majestic Mirage property; we had full access to the other two Majestic properties but thoroughly enjoyed the adult only property. This is a small resort with only 210 rooms, with many different room categories to pick from. We had a one-bedroom jacuzzi suite with beautiful views of the ocean, a separate living room complete with a mini-fridge restocked daily as well as a bar that comes generously stocked with rum, whisky, vodka and a bottle of champagne. The bedroom has a king sized bed, soaker tub, walk-in shower and double bathroom sinks! If you are looking for luxury look no further than this resort for 24-hour butler service, gourmet food – including all-you-can-eat lobster every day, premium brand alcohol, a beautiful spa and the most luxurious Bali beds.

Punta Cana sits along one of the most beautiful beaches in the entire Caribbean, Bavaro beach, which is home to hundreds of different properties of all different sizes and amenities. This beach allows you to walk for kilometres in either direction, white sand, crystal clear blue water and incredible sunsets.

The second most popular destination in Dominican Republic that we have been sending more and more people to is the area of Samana. This area is home to a handful of hotels all of which are fairly small and most of them are from the Bahia chain. One of the most popular hotels we send our clients to is located on its own private island, which is the Luxury Bahia Principe Cayo Levantado. This hotel is an adult only property featuring 268 rooms, sweeping views of the ocean, secluded beaches and great snorkelling. Samana is a popular location for whale watching between the months of January to March, if looking for a tour that is unique a visit to Los Haitises National park cannot be missed. This area is so beautiful it kind of reminds me of the famous Halong Bay in Vietnam.

Next month I am off to Asia to check off my fourth continent visited. We are going to Bali, Indonesia for two weeks for my sister's wedding. Before the wedding on May 5, we are going to be doing a one-week classic Lombok island hopping trip with G Adventures. We will go from the island of Bali over to Lombok and then to the iconic area of Gili Trawangan. This trip will involve trekking in rice terraces, waterfalls, monkey forests and lots of snorkelling. Stay tuned for my next article or follow me on Facebook at Transat Travel – Haliburton.

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Hoedown helps kids

The Haliburton Lions Club Hoedown Dinner and Dance featuring Todd Nolan made the Haliburton Legion bustle with dancing and music on March 24. Proceeds raised at the event benefitted Communities for Play, an affordable afterschool recreation program. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

The Haliburton and District Lions Club hosted a hoedown dinner and dance at the Haliburton Legion on March 24. The event raised $1,000 for Communities for Play, an afterschool program recently launched in Haliburton County.

June Anderson and Bob Riches cut a rug.

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Budget fails to tackle high input costs, low business confidence

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Ontario Chamber Network cautioned that while the Ontario budget proposes new spending for economic development, it does nothing to alleviate rising input costs or tangibly address low business confidence. In fact, the Ontario government has chosen to follow the federal government's lead on changes to the tax code that will result in significant new taxes on Ontario's employer community.

The Ontario government is harmonizing with the federal government's eligibility criteria leaving over 20,000 employers paying $100 million more in employment health tax over the next three years. In addition, businesses will be phased out of the small business deduction if they earn between $50,000 and $150,000 of passive investment income in the taxation year, resulting in an additional $350 million in new taxes for Ontario businesses over the next three years.

"Although the government is making smart investments in skills development, the ever-rising cost of doing business in Ontario is hindering economic growth," said Linda Baumgartner, vice-president, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. "The Ontario budget not only fails to provide the offsets our members need, it will leave some businesses, including small businesses, paying more in taxes."

We are also concerned with the precarious fiscal situation that many of the government's new investments will create. While the near-term deficit is projected to be less than one percent of the GDP, this comes at a time when the economy is relatively strong. The budget also projects slower GDP growth on the horizon due to global factors.

Despite this caution, we support smart investments announced in the budget such as regional economic development funding, new dollars for public transit, $500 million for broadband infrastructure, and additional resources for apprenticeship and skills development.

The impetus for much of the new social spending proposed by the Ontario government is to address the notion that prosperity is not being shared. Budget 2018 demonstrates that there is no rise in precarious work. As the budget notes, of the more than 800,000 net new jobs created since the recession, the majority were created "in industries that pay above-average wages, in the private sector, and as full-time positions."

"Ontario's businesses are doing their part to create a fairer society, and the best way to ensure that continues is to consult with businesses and reduce their cumulative burden," said Rocco Rossi, president and CEO at the Chamber of Commerce. "As the government and opposition parties turn their attention to the upcoming election, we again call on them to adopt our Vote Prosperity recommendations that will strengthen business competitiveness, foster job creation, build healthy communities, and improve government accountability."

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in #MyHaliburtonHighlands. Through its leadership, HHCC is committed to strengthening business and community through advocacy, networking, participation, education and services. As a member-based business advocacy organization we are dedicated to providing a strong voice in support of the economic vitality of our community.

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. in Haliburton was filled with children and their families as they searched for eggs hidden by the Easter bunny on Friday, March 30. The annual tradition is free for participants. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Top hints you are ready for turkey season

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

AS I'M CERTAIN most people know, the wild turkey season is just a little over three weeks away. Most hunters are ready for it too. Some hunters are not so certain though. So, without further ado, here are the indicators you are ready for turkey season.

1. When getting up at 4 a.m. feels like sleeping in.
2. When you can fall asleep at will with your back to a tree.
3. When you watch a nature show on wild turkey vocalizations and you don't need subtitles.
4. When you suddenly find yourself strutting for your better half.
5. When your camouflaged gear is so good you can't find it.
6. When you prepare for bed by roosting in a nearby tree.
7. When you have more cranberry sauce in your cupboard than soup.
8. When you start having petty arguments with your decoy.
9. When it takes a second helping of dessert before you notice that you still have a call in your mouth.

Students art show offers shopping opportunity

ERIN LYNCH
Special to *County Life*

A flurry of activity is happening in the studios of Fleming College. Students are busy preparing for I Made It! the end of semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. This one day show will take place on Saturday, April 21 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

I Made It! provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. The student-based initiative will feature a variety of media from winter semester students including glassblowing, artist blacksmithing, jewelry, drawing and painting and integrated design. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer questions. Select works will be available for purchase. The exhibition is free of charge and open to all. Join inspiring art students for light refreshments as well as the opportunity to explore the unique and stimulating space that is Haliburton School of Art + Design.

For further information, please contact organizer Erin Lynch at erin.lynch@flemingcollege.ca.

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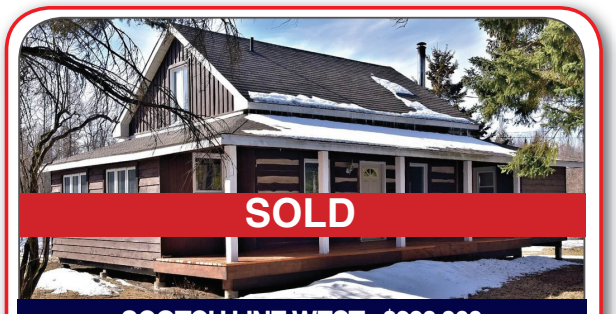

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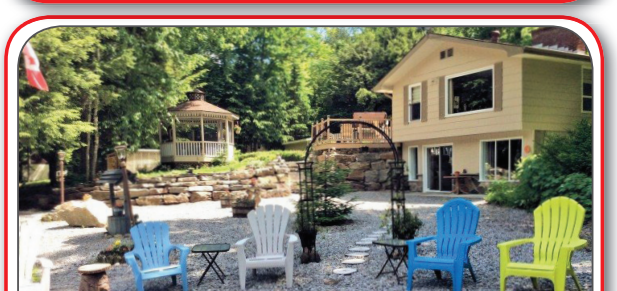

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Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
The speaker is renowned social worker Gary Direnfeld, host of his own TV reality show Newly Wed, Nearly Dead and parenting columnist for the Hamilton Spectator as well as the author of Marriage Rescue: Overcoming the Ten Deadly Sins of Failing Relationships. A portion of the evening will be open for parent questions. More information is on the HHSS website. All are welcome.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Ian Pay
When: Saturday, April 7, 2018, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1:00 pm

Lochlin Community Center - Spaghetti Dinner
When: Saturday, April 7
Where: 4713 Gelert Road
Adults: $12.00, kids 12 & under: $6.00, Children under 4 Free. Seatings available for 4:45 or 6:00 dinner. For reservations call Nancy at 705-286-3339. Take out available

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
Wednesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Minden Animal Hospital 4th annual Customer Appreciation Day
When: Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.
A great way to meet the staff and tour the hospital. Refreshments, cake and some events are planned. Look forward to seeing you there!

SNAPPING TURTLES:
David LeGros is an Algonquin Park Naturalist, MNRF, with many years of experience in educating the public about snapping turtles and how we can protect Ontario wild turtles.
When:Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
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Legion Events

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Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
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Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
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Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
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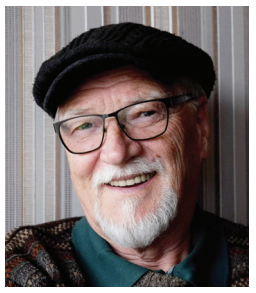

GEORGE FARRELL

On Arts

I DON'T KNOW about you, but my creative juices tend to dry up during the winter. I'm not a winter person and I don't get out nearly enough in the cold weather. So it was with relief and happiness that I ventured forth during this past spate of sunny weather, to go walking with Zita.

Zita is what I call a Minden mutt; black and long-coated, built low to the ground, she's probably a cross between a poodle and a shih tzu. She raced ahead across the farmer's field until she found patches of snow on which to roll. Her delight at the weather mirrored my own as we headed for the woods, several hundred yards away.

It's the time of year for maple syruping, and our neighbours the Sedgwicks have been tapping their trees for generations. For the past 30 odd years I have been making treks into their maple woods which lie next to their fields along the Gelert Road. After walking halfway to the tree line, I sat down on the stubbly grass to contemplate the scene before me. The sky was a brilliant blue; the maples, not yet in full bud, were grey-brown, the sloping field where I sat was yellowed, and the field below me, still snow-covered, was blindingly white. I realized that I was appreciating nature and beauty again, a feeling that had been dulled by the repetitiveness of winter. I was seeing things anew, and for the first time in months I had one of those increasingly rare "it's good to be alive," moments.

Zita was still rolling in a snow patch when I got up to continue my journey towards the maple woods. I could see sap buckets glittering in the sun as I reached the tree-line, and I noticed that there was still a bit of snow in the bush. Tread marks from a tractor patterned the snow, where one of the Sedgwick clan had made the rounds, hanging buckets.

It was more than 10 years ago now, in these very same woods, while I was making a promotional video for Haliburton County, that I observed Wendell Sedgwick, a preacher and farmer, using his Belgian horses for syrup gathering. I got some great footage of the whole syrup-making process. To see the horses working in the snow, with Wendell guiding them on the sled, and later seeing him stooped over the smoking fire, stirring the boiling syrup, are images I'll never forget.

Some of those images, courtesy of some fine editing by Midori Nagai, were cut into a short documentary called *Drawn From Wood*, which might still occasionally be seen playing on the television at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup Barn, just down the road from these Sedgwick woods. Of course Wintergreen has its own modern system of producing syrup, and their operation is great for families to experience; but for me nothing can compare visually with the old ways of gathering sap and making syrup.

During the videotaping of those scenes with Wendell Sedgwick, when his horses were straining to pull a sled filled with firewood for the evaporators, I was struck by the amazing similarity with what I saw before me and a painting by artist André Lapine that is in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Lapine was known to paint in the area, and somehow I just knew that these woods were the same ones in that particular painting. At that moment I remember feeling as though I was a connecting link in history.

Now, as I stood looking at the shacks that house the holding tanks and evaporators, I sadly recalled that Wendell Sedgwick, that icon of Gelert, was no longer with us. He died from an accident on the family farm in 2004. Gone too was that "Gentle Cavalier" Lapine, who passed away in 1952. Did they ever meet? The older trees still remain, and they could tell us, if they could only speak. Some of them are over 100 years old, and I remember Wendell telling me that the older trees were not so good for sap production.

I'd lost track of time within my reveries, and Zita was nowhere in sight. But a sharp whistle brought her to my side, her little face happy and expectant. As we walked back across the field ravens swooped overhead, one of them carrying a large twig. It was nesting season for them, and not so very far off for other birds. I realized that the walk had done me good, and that on this particular day I'd forgotten about life's daily stresses. Instead I thought that in concert with the rising of the sap my own inspirational juices were once again flowing, after a winter of dormancy. And that put a thankful smile on my face.

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Haley MacLean, 10, shows off her colouring skills in the kids' corner.

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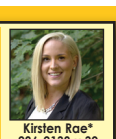

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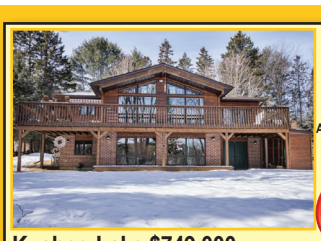
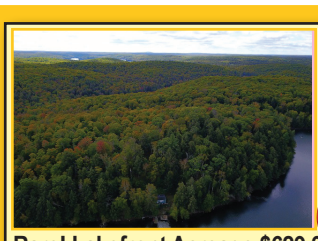


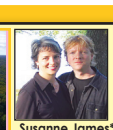
Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

NEW LISTING

Kushog Lake $749,000

- Year round home/cottage, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath
- Level lot, clean shoreline, premium lake system
- Fully finished WO basement, large triple car garage



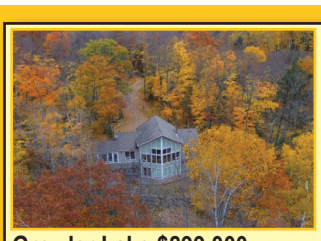


Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

NEW LISTING

Rare! Lakefront Acreage $629,900

- Awesome 2-Lake chain (Long & Miskwabi)
- 650' frontage and 50+ acres
- Traditional 3 season cottage with hydro



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Growler Lake $899,000

- Beautiful high quality home built in 2005
- 5 generous bedrooms, 3 washrooms
- On private, quiet and clean lake

David Lee*
286–2138 x 27

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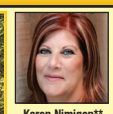
- The Cottage life show has just passed and I now have many anxious buyers looking for a cottage, it could be yours!

Brandon Nimigon*
457–2128 x 27

NEW LISTING

Bushwolf Lake Rd $47,000

- Great 1.6 acre lot in an area of nice homes Many building sites available, Yr round road
- Minutes to beach, ski hill & local amenities



Karen Nimigon**
457–2128 x 29

SOLD

Minden Lake $319,000

- 3 Season cottage full of charm & character
- 3 Bedrooms, open concept living space
- Sits close to the lake, sand entry to deep water

Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

NEW LISTING

Custom home on 8.65 Acres $519,000

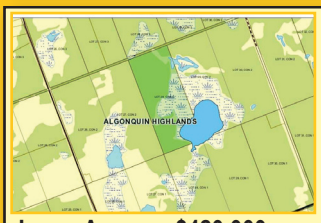
- Extensively renovated with premium finishes
- Centrally located between Haliburton & Minden

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

SOLD

Wilbermere Lake Access $249,000

- Lovely 3 bedroom residential home
- Walking distance to deeded lake access



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Large Acreage $420,000

- 198 Acres of pasture & woods
- Small Pond & stone walls
- Driveway in, ready to build

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

NEW LISTING

Pine Lake $895,000

- Home or cottage on 4 acres
- Open concept main floor
- WO basement & sand beach WF

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52

Picturesque Farm $699,000

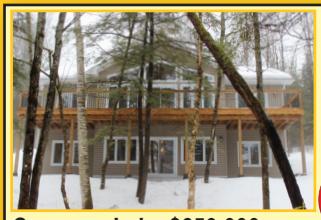
- Country home on 45 acres of pasture/forest
- 117 ft on Gull River w/ access to Gull Lk
- Separately situated farm & outbuildings

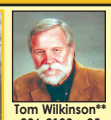
Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

SOLD

Minden Lot $99,000

- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
- Driveway In, Hydro @ Lot Line



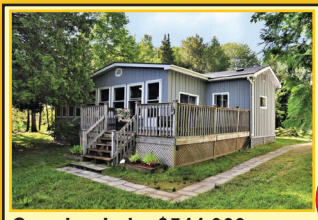


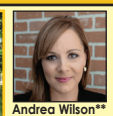
Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

SOLD

Cameron Lake $650,000

- 1500 square foot waterfront home or cottage
- Walkout bsmt, high ceilings, much more
- 3 bedroom, 2 baths,





Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

SOLD

Canning Lake $544,000

- Winterized 3 bedroom vacation home & bunkie
- Newly renovated, level property, 5 lake chain
- Sand shoreline, deep water off the dock

Jennifer Bacon*
Dean Michel*
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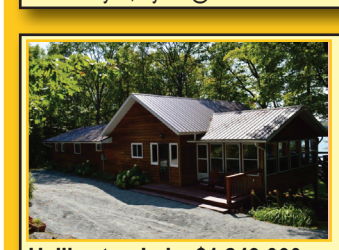
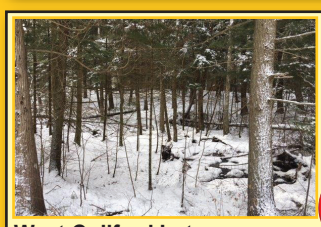


Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x23

Haliburton Lake $1,249,000

- 200+ ft of SW exp w/ white Caribbean sand
- 5 bdrms, 3 baths, open vaulted living space
- Large screen rm, 2 bay garage & boathouse

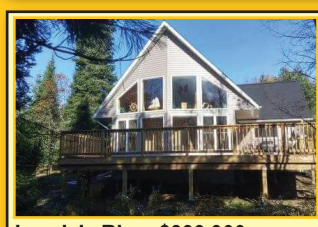


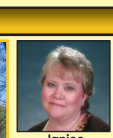
Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

SOLD

West Guilford Lot

- 1+ acre flat building lot outside of town
- Driveway in and site has been cleared
- Close to shopping and conveniences





Janice Brookes*
457-2128 x 22

Irondale River $399,900

- Newer Built Chalet on the Burnt River system
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 ½ washrooms on a level lot
- Modern home in lovely natural setting

Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

Downtown Minden $392,000

- Great commercial building, centrally located
- Almost 3,000 sq ft of renovated space w/ parking
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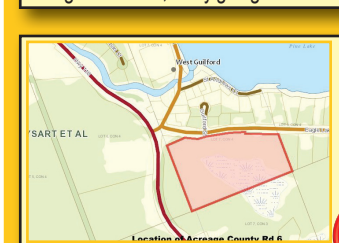

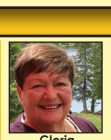

Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

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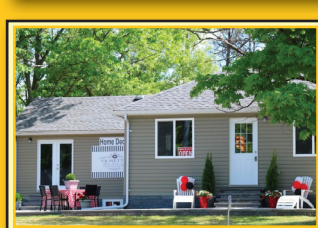
- 941' on Cnty Rd 6, Many Bldg Sites
- Walking distance to village & lake

Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Bldg Lt on Kashagawigamog Lk $489,900

- Apprx 140 Ft Frtg, 1.1 Acres
- Level Lot, NW Exp, 5 Lake Chain
- Between Minden & Haliburton



Tom Ecclestone*
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Lindsay Elder**
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County sets '85 budget

Spending held down, levies up 4.8 percent

Haliburton County council has approved an austere 1985 budget that envisions no significant new expenditures and an overall increase of only 4.86 percent in the total levy to municipalities.

Budget chairman Harry Davis said the committee was "determined that the budget should and must not be an unfair burden on any municipality."

Davis said he anticipated that transfer payments from the government for various services under county jurisdiction would not be sufficient to meet increased costs this year.

The only bad news in the budget, other than a deficit of $10,500 from Hyland Crest in 1984 that must be absorbed this year, was a cut in the county's grant to the Chamber of Commerce. It was reduced to $54,000 this year from $60,000 in 1984. Even that much of a cutback did not suit at least one member of council. Lutterworth reeve Ron Gambell, a long time opponent of the Chamber, spoke against giving the organization any support from county coffers, and subsequently registered a 'nay' vote against the entire budget as a result.

In general, however, there were no pointed questions from councillors about the budget, and it was passed without amendment.

In the general government category, the 1985 budget estimates expenditures of $117,250, down substantially from 1984 actual spending of more than $142,000. The difference is primarily the result of higher spending last year to upgrade the heating system in the county office building from oil fired hot water to electric baseboard units which are expected to reduce overall costs in the future. There was also a $10,000 provision for working funds in 1984 which has been dropped from the budget for 1985.

Spending for protection to persons and property is estimated at $2,500 for 1985, a reflection of 1984 actual spending of $2,450. The only two expenditures under the category are $1500 for mutual fire aid and $1000 for wolf bounties.

The biggest single expenditure in the county budget remains its roads system, and it is here that the effect of rising costs and diminishing transfer payments from provincial coffers is most keenly felt. Last year local taxpayers contributed more than $590,000 for construction and maintenance of county roads, and this year it is anticipated that local contributions will rise to $617,500.

Health services spending consists of the county apportionment for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and it is up only marginally, to $59,000 from a budgetted $58,000 last year.

Anticipated expenditures for social and family services are down in the 1985 budget despite the deficit carried over from Hyland Crest operations in 1984. Spending estimates have been set at $193,500 in this category, compared with actual expenditures of more than $225,000 last year. That figure included a

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Taxpayers shell out

Local municipalities will contribute a total of $921,832 to meet Haliburton County council's 1985 budget of $1.15 million. At a meeting last Wednesday, county council approved the budget and a levy increase of 4.86 percent.

Apportionments have been adjusted slightly this year to reflect changes in overall assessments in the various municipalities, but no municipality faces a substantial increase in its contributions to the county budget.

The greatest shift is in Sherborne et al, where two townships that were formally crown holdings, Lawrence and Nightingale, are now under local administration.

Anson, Hindon and Minden will contribute 16.437 percent of the total county levy, or $151,521, a slight decrease in percentage liability.

Bicroft's liability remains substantially unchanged at 1.148, which amounts to $10,582 local tax dollars.

Cardiff's percentage contribution to overall county expenditures has fallen slightly this year, to 4.95 percent from 5.395 percent in 1984. Cardiff's levy has been set at $45,639 for 1985.

Dysart et al, which contributes the lion's share of the county's budget, has also benefitted from a slight downward shift in percentage liability, to 36.65 percent from 37.96 last year. Dysart's levy for 1985 is $337,915.

Glamorgan Township ratepayers will contribute slightly more on a percentage basis than they did last year. The township will provide 5.88 percent of the total levy this year, compared with 5.74 percent last year. Total levy for Glamorgan this year has been set at $54,212.

Lutterworth's percentage liability has decreased slightly, to 7.51 percent from 7.77 percent, with a total levy of $69,303.

Monmouth's liability also is down a little, to 3.64 percent from 3.71 percent, or $33,582 this year.

In Sherborne et al assessment has risen significantly and the corresponding percentage liability figures also are up, to 10.696 percent from 8.022 in 1984. Sherborne's apportionment for 1985 has been set at $98,599.

In Snowdon, apportionment liability is down slightly from 1984, at 3.44 percent from 3.58 percent. The total levy to Snowdon this year is $31,720.

Stanhope's apportionment stands at 9.62 percent for 1985, down from 9.85 percent last year. The total levy for Stanhope has been set at $88,753.

These smiling youngsters spelled out 'Wilberforce' in the opening number of 'Melodies on Ice', the Monmouth Figure Skating Club's show which was staged for an appreciative audience at the community's arena on Saturday night. Dozens of youngsters took part in the performance. For more on the show see page 14.

Art Ward, right moderated a breakfast meeting at Wig-a-Mog on Sunday where local PC supporters met thefour men who hope to represent the riding after the May 2 election. In the running for the nomination this Saturday are, from left: Murray Fearrey, Don McCumber, Larry McKnight and Dave Murray.

Bridge issue gets last airing, construction begins in April

The issue of the Ingoldsby bridge appears to be resolved once and for all, with both sides having a final chance to air their views at a meeting of county council last Wednesday before a decision was made to proceed with construction.

Council voted to award the contract to R.T. Grills Construction, whose bid of $399,877 was the lowest among a dozen contractors who responded to the county's invitation to tender.

From the outset the bridge issue has been polarized into a majority of area residents who wanted the old, single lane steel structure replaced and a minority who felt the new bridge would damage their property, hinder boat traffic through the narrows and eliminate a sand beach on the south east side of the waterway.

Joe Curtin, an Ingoldsby property owner, has been the chief opponent of the project, and last Wednesday he tried once again to convince the county not to proceed with construction.

Curtin said the county has been unable to produce "any hard evidence" that the old bridge is a traffic hazard, that it is structurally unsound, or that traffic counts are substantial enough to make a new bridge necessary. He also argued that the old bridge has merit as a scenic attraction.

Curtin's main concern however, was the beach area which lies on the shoreline allowance abutting property he owns on the south east side of the narrows between Kashagawigamog and Canning Lakes. He described the site as "one of the most safe, readily accessible beaches in the Ingoldsby area", and said he is convinced, after viewing drawings of the proposed new bridge, that the beach "will be obliterated" by construction.

"The loss of that beach will be such as to adversely affect much of the community," Curtin told councillors. He also noted it would be "a commercial loss" to him personally, since he hopes to reopen a small cottage resort on the property.

Curtin also listed a number of other potential problems constuction of the new bridge would create, including damage to the aesthetic quality of the adjacent lands, narrowing the channel to boat traffic, possible erosion of shoreline below the bridge, the risk of loose rock fill falling into the channel, construction noise, and the possible disruption of the aquifer by pile driving.

On the matter of the rip rap to shore up new abutments for the bridge, Curtin urged county council to at least consider the use of steel cladding or gabion baskets if it was not prepared to install concrete walls.

County road committee chairman Murray Fearrey took issue with Curtin's characterization of the

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Democracy in action... see page 4

PC's meet the candidates, Saturday convention set

Progressive Conservative Party supporters throughout Haliburton and Victoria are gearing up for a massive nomination convention in Lindsay this Saturday at which the party's candidate for the May 2 provincial election will be chosen.

As many as 1,360 delegates will be eligible to participate in the selection process, twice as many as at any previous nominating convention.

Four men are vieing for the nomination, and local poll captains got a chance to hear from the candidates last Sunday morning at Wig-a-Mog Inn. The hopefuls are Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey who joined the race last week, Emily Township Don McCumber, Fenelon Falls reeve Dave Murray who has carried the PC banner in a previous campaign, and Minden businessman Larry McKnight.

Each candidate had five minutes to speak to the gathering on Sunday before fielding questions from the audience.

Dave Murray said he believes strongly that the PC's can defeat Liberal incumbent John Eakins this time around. Murray said his credentials for the task include 16 years in municipal politics, and involvement in other organizations including the Ontario Association of Pharmacists.

Murray cited tourism and lumbering as the two major areas of concern in the northern end of the riding, and referred in particular to

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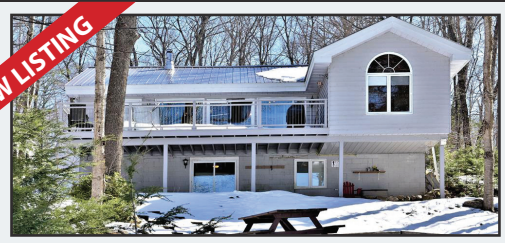

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